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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2187
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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SAN SALVADOR FOR AGATT

REF: STATE 153151

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, NU
SUBJECT: COTTON EXPORT CONTRACTS

IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS AUGUST 8,
GENERAL SOMOZA MENTIONED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE QUOTE
UNDERSTOOD UNQUOTE THAT GUATEMALA, BRAZIL AND

SEVERAL OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERING
THE POSSIBILITY OF LEGISLATION PROHIBITING COTTON EXPORTS
AT LESS THAN \$60 PER CWT. THE GENERAL SAID HE HAS BEEN
REQUESTED, PRESUMABLY BY LOCAL GROWERS, TO TAKE SIMILAR
ACTION HERE, BUT HAS REFUSED. HE REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT
A PEGGED PRICE WOULD DESTROY THE LOCAL FUTURES MARKET FOR
THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

2. COMMENT: SOMOZA DID NOT INDICATE THE SOURCE OF HIS
INFORMATION, BUT HE MOST LIKELY GOT IT FROM PERSONS WHO
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ARE URGING HIM TO ADOPT SIMILAR MEASURES. WE, OF COURSE,

ARE IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE THE ACCUARACY OF THESE REPORTS.

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